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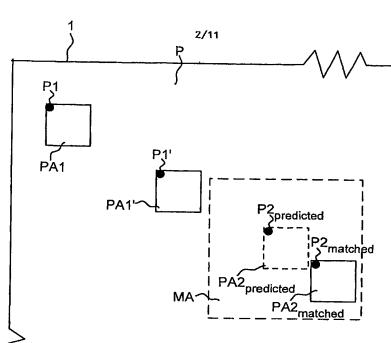
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(57) Abstract: A method, in an apparatus for position decoding, operates to extract a sequence of positions from a sequence of images of a position-coding pattern, as recorded by a sensor. The method, which may be embodied as a computer program on a computer-readable storage medium, involves the steps of retrieving at least one reference position (P1, P1'); and extracting the sequence of positions solely by matching information obtained from each of the images with a corresponding pattern reference area (MA), which represents a known subset of the position-coding pattern with a given, direct or indirect, spatial relation to the reference position(s).

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